

House Resolution 144 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 144

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1 A Resolution recognizing September 23, 2012, as
2 Angelman Syndrome Day in Iowa.

3 WHEREAS, Angelman syndrome (AS) is a neuro-genetic
4 disorder characterized by developmental delay,
5 lack of speech, seizures, and walking and balance
6 disorders; and

7 WHEREAS, AS is a rare disorder that affects an
8 estimated one out of 10,000 to 15,000 people and
9 individuals with AS will require life-long care; and

10 WHEREAS, AS is difficult to diagnose and the
11 unique clinical features of AS often do not manifest
12 themselves until after one year of age, and it can
13 take several years before a correct clinical diagnosis
14 becomes obvious; and

15 WHEREAS, a clinical diagnosis of AS shares
16 similarities with clinical diagnoses of other
17 disorders, without genetic confirmation, and AS may be
18 confused with Rett syndrome or other disorders; NOW
19 THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
21 That the House of Representatives recognizes September
22 23, 2012, as Angelman Syndrome Day in Iowa, with the
23 hope that this resolution will raise awareness of
24 this syndrome and thus increase early detection and
25 treatment.